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SUBJECT: CABINET MEETING

1. IN YOUR ABSENCE I ATTENDED THE CABINET MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. YESTERDAY. AS CUSTOMARY THE PRESIDENT WENT AROUND THE TABLE. THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST TO OUR DEPARTMENT WERE MADE: (A) SHULTZ INDICATED THE CONTINUING NEED FOR AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE BASED UPON THE MOST CURRENT DATA AND FORECASTS. (B) ZBIG DESCRIBED THE RESULT OF THE PRC MEETING ON LATIN AMERICA AS ESSENTIALLY PRODUCING AN APPROACH IN WHICH WE WOULD HAVE NO OVERALL LATIN AMERICAN POLICY BUT WOULD HAVE BILATERAL POLICIES AND GLOBAL ARRANGEMENTS. (C) BELL INDICATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL WEEK BEYOND APRIL 1 WOULD BE NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WIRE TAPPING AND UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS LEGISLATION. (ON THE LATTER, WE NEED TAKE A MUCH MORE ACTIVE ROLE, AND I SAID SO AT STAFF MEETING TODAY.) (D) BROWN INDICATED THAT

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HIS NATO MEETINGS LAST WEEK HAD PRODUCED A FAVORABLE APPROACH FOR AWACS BUT HE FEARED THAT THE RESULT MIGHT BE ONLY TEMPORARY.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION THE PRESIDENT MADE SEVERAL POINTS:
(A) HE WELCOMES SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FORMAT OF THE CABINET MEETING, AND WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION OF

THE POSSIBILITY OF A 10-15 MINUTE PRESENTATION ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT AT EACH MEETING. (B) HE WANTS ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CONTROL INFLATION, BEING DETERMINED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET BY THE END OF HIS TERM.
(C) HE ASKED THE CABINET MEMBERS TO LOOK BACK AT THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS TO ENSURE CONFORMANCE WITH HIS DIRECTIVES ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS CUTTING DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS, CONVENTIONS, AND PAPER WORK. (D) HE ASKED FOR CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL TWO-HOUR EVENING MEETINGS IN WHICH A CABINET MEMBER WOULD MAKE A ONE-HOUR PRESENTATION, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN HOUR OF DISCUSSION.

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